

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
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PATENT

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In re Application of:

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 26, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered in the captioned patent application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.116. Applicants submit the foregoing amendments to place the case in even better condition for allowance or appeal.

This paper is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated December 26, 2006, for which the three-month date for response March 26, 2007.